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SUBJ IAEA DG'S RESPONSE TO SWISS QUESTION RE
INTERPRETATION OF SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENTS

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1. GOC EXTAFF SAFEGUARDS OFFICE RAISED SWISS QUESTION WITH
EMBOFF APRIL 26 AND AGAIN APRIL 28. GOC WOULD DEFINITELY AGREE
WITH APPROACH THAT THESE MICRO EXPLOSIONS ARE NOT REPEAT NOT
NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE DEVICES WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE NPT OR THE
IAEA CONTEXT. BOTH EXTAFF AND AECL OFFICIALS ACTING AS TECHNICAL
EXPERTS FOR EXTAFF ARE, HOWEVER, SOMEWHAT DISTURBED BY TWO
POINTS:

A. THEY WISH TO BE SUFFICIENTLY CIRCUMSPECT IN ANSWERING SWISS
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QUESTION TO INSURE THAT A NEGATIVE ANSWER IN THIS INSTANCE DOES

NOT POST FUTURE PROBLEMS.

B. THEY ALSO FORESEE THAT A NEGATIVE ANSWER IN THIS INSTANCE
MAY EVENTUALLY INVOLVE ALL OF US IN A LINE-DRAWING EXERCISE WHICH
COULD BECOME STICKY, I.E., AT EXACTLY WHAT SIZE OR YIELD DOES
A NUCLEAR EXPLOSION CEASE TO BE THE PRODUCT OF AN EXPLOSIVE
NUCLEAR DEVICE. THE INTRINSICALLY ACADEMIC NATURE OF SUCH A
QUESTION DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEAN THAT IT COULD NOT BECOME A
TIME CONSUMING PROBLEM IN EITHER THE NPT OR IAEA FORA.
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